

2633

#4
73
4-3-03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Heminger, et al.
Serial No.: 09/940,763
Filed: 08/27/2001
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALIGNING OPTICAL WIRELESS LINKS

Docket No.: TI-32924
Art Unit: TBD
Examiner: Not Assigned
Confirm. No.: 5769

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

MAR 2 8 2003

Technology Center 2600

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

MAILING CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

William B. Kempler, Reg. No. 28,228

Date

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

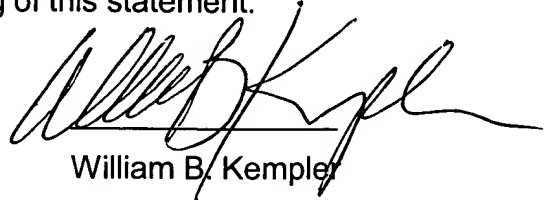
This Information Disclosure statement is being submitted:

- ☐ within three months of the filing date
- ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the national phase
- ☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits
- ☐ before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance and

is accompanied by

- ☐ the fee of \$240.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) or
- ☐ the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e)

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior (considering the effect of the weekend) to the filing of this statement.



William B. Kempler

X Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

___ To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a) (3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by

___ an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents.

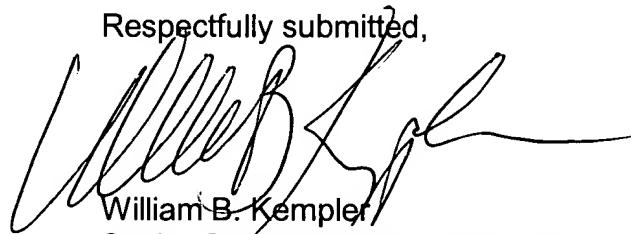
___ the following remarks.

___ the discussion of these documents in the specification.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner.

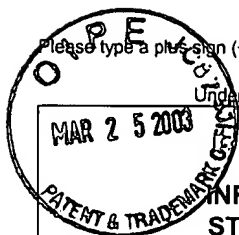
Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, includes extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated, and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



William B. Kempler
Senior Corporate Patent Counsel
Reg. No. 28,228

Texas Instruments Incorporated
P. O. Box 655474, MS 3999
Dallas, Texas 75265
(972) 917-5452



Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)			Complete If Known	
			Application Number	09/940,763
Sheet 1 of 1			Filing Date	08/27/2001
			First Named Inventor	Mark Heminger
			Group Art Unit	TBD
			Examiner Name	Not Assigned
			Attorney Docket No.	TI-32924

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA	6,181,450 B1		Dishman, et al.	01/30/2001	RECEIVED MAR 2 8 2003 Technology Center 2600
	AB	6,285,481 B1		Palmer	09/04/2001	
	AC	6,381,055 B1		Javitt, et al	04/30/2002	
	AD					
	AE					
	AF					
	AG					
	AH					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Doc.	Date of Pub. of Cited Doc. (mm-dd-yyyy)	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)				
	BA							
	BB							
	BC							
	BD							
	BE							
	BF							
	BG							
	BH							

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Exam. Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	CA		
	CB		
	CC		
	CD		
	CE		
	CF		
	CG		
	CH		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

US and Foreign Patent Documents: ¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Other Prior Art/Non-Patent Literature Documents: ¹Unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231